

## **Sacrament of Confirmation 2020**

### **St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish & St. Francis de Sales Parish Preparation Program Orientation**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 6 & Grade 7 Students:

Welcome to another wonderful step in your child's spiritual journey! This year the designated grade for Confirmation will be transitioning from grade 7 to grade 6.

Our schools will shortly be starting the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2020. This will include students from grade 6 in both St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School, Perth and St Francis de Sales Catholic Elementary School, Smiths Falls, as well as grade 7 students (and higher) from St. John Catholic High School. This preparation program is open to all families in our Perth, Smith Falls and connected communities.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is an important step in our Christian lives. Your role as parents is of central importance throughout this process, since you are the primary educators of your children in the Catholic faith and in life itself. Your child's teachers and our parish staff will be happy to work with you and your child in preparation for the Sacrament - a wonderful blessing filled with many graces.

This sacramental preparation program will run from now until the Confirmation Mass and will be facilitated by Father Brian McNally (Perth) and Father Rod McNeill (Smiths Falls) and the respective parish Confirmation Preparation Teams. Archbishop Michael Mulhall will confer the sacrament during the Confirmation Mass at:

- St. John the Baptist Church, Perth on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 2:00 pm
- St. Francis de Sales Church, Smiths Falls on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Before deciding to register your child, we invite you to attend our Confirmation Information and Registration meeting for both Candidates and their Parents/Guardians at your own parish:

- St. Francis de Sales Parish: Tue., Nov. 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Elementary School, Smiths Falls

OR

- St. John the Baptist Parish: Thu., Nov. 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm at St John Catholic High School, Perth

Orientation Process:

- **By Tue. Oct. 29, 2019, ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS** are asked to complete and return the attached form to your child's homeroom teacher.
- **Attend your mandatory Parent & Candidate Information and Registration Meeting**  
*Note: If you are interested, but cannot attend this meeting, please make alternate arrangements before Tue., Nov 5, 2019 by contacting your parish office: St John the Baptist 613-267-1043 or St. Francis de Sales 613-283-0220.*

May the Holy Spirit bless you and your family abundantly now and always.

Father Brian McNally, Father Rod McNeil and the Confirmation Preparation Team

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
38 Wilson St. E., Perth, ON K7H 1L6  
613-267-1043 stjohnperth@gmail.com

**St. Francis de Sales Church**  
17 Elmsley St N, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2G6  
613-283-0220 stfrancis.sf@gmail.com

**ATTN: ALL PARENTS & GUARDIANS - COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM BY TUE., OCT. 29, 2019**

## Parent & Candidate Information Form

### Preparation Program - Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

Please return this form to your child's Homeroom Teacher before Tue., Oct. 29, 2019.

As a Parent/Guardian, I am a member of:

- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church     St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
 I am not a member of either church     I would like more information about becoming Catholic

For your child to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation, at least one Parent/Guardian should be Catholic. Is this the case for you?

- Yes, One Catholic Parent/Guardian     Yes, Both Catholic Parents/Guardians  
 Not Catholic

*Note: To receive the sacrament of Confirmation your child must have previously received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Communion. If this is not the case and you wish your child to receive these sacraments, please contact your parish office: St John the Baptist Parish Office 613-267-1043 or St. Francis de Sales Parish Office 613-283-0220.*

As a Parent/Guardian, do you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

- Yes     No     I would like more information

If you plan on attending the mandatory Parent & Candidate Information & Registration Meeting, please select one of the following:

- I will attend the St. Francis de Sales Parish Meeting: Tue., Nov. 12, 2019, 6:30 pm at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Elementary School, Smiths Falls  
 I will attend the St. John the Baptist Parish Meeting: Thu., Nov. 21, 2019, 6:30 pm at St. John Catholic High School, Perth.  
 I am making alternate arrangements with my Parish Office before Tue., Nov. 5, 2019.

*Note: A Registration Package will be sent home with your child after you have indicated your selection above. Please complete the Registration Package in advance and bring it to the meeting if you are ready to register your child prior to receiving information that evening.*

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_